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SUBJ: WORLD FERTILIZER SITUATION: PHOSPHATE PRODUCTION

1. REFLECTING USG NEED FOR MORE INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS
ON WORLD FERTILIZER SITUATION, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
IS UNDERTAKING COMPREHENSIVE STUDY, WITH COOPERATION FROM
STATE/AID AND OTHER AGENCIES. STUDY IS BEING PREPARED,
INTER ALIA, FOR FIRST MEETING OF FAO FERTILIZER COMMISSION,
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JULY 2-5, AND FOR WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE. ADDRESSEES ARE

ASKED TO ASSIST BY FURNISHING INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW
FOR FY 1972 AND 1973 AND ESTIMATES FOR FY 1974. REPLIES
SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY MAY 27.

2. PHOSPHATE ROCK EXTRACTION CAPACITY AND ACTUAL
PRODUCTION.

3. ADDITIONAL PHOSPHATE ROCK MINE CAPACITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
SINCE JANUARY 1973 (FIRM COMMITMENTS). TO EXTENT POSSIBLE,
GIVE LOCATION, OWNER-OPERATOR(S), PRIMARY BUILDER/
ENGINEERS, DATES FOR START AND COMPLETION OF EXPANSION,
SCHEDULE OF MINING CAPACITY IN METRIC TONS PER YEAR, GRADE
AND QUALITY OF ROCK, EXPECTED PRINCIPAL BUYERS AND ANCILLARY
FACILITIES TO PROCESS THE ROCK INTO PHOSPHORIC ACID.

NOTE: IT MAY TAKE SEVERAL YEARS FOR MINE TO REACH FULL
CAPACITY. THEREFORE, MINE'S SCHEDULED PRODUCTION PLANS
SHOULD BE DESCRIBED.

4. PHOSPHATE FERTILIZER AND PHOSPHORIC ACID PRODUCTION
CAPACITY AND ACTUAL OUTPUT.

5. ADDITIONAL PHOSPHATE FERTILIZER AND PHOSPHORIC ACID
PLANTS ANNOUNCED SINCE JANUARY 1973 (FIRM COMMITMENT).
GIVE LOCATION, OWNER-OPERATOR(S), PRIMARY BUILDER/
ENGINEERS, DATES FOR START AND COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION,
PHOSPHORIC ACID CAPACITY (IF ANY) IN METRIC TONS PER DAY,
FINAL PRODUCT NAME(S) SUCH AS SINGLE SUPER PHOSPHATE AND
TRIPLE SUPER PHOSPHATE, FINAL PRODUCT CAPACITY IN METRIC
TONS PER DAY, AND SOURCES OF RAW MATERIALS.

6. ANY POTENTIAL PRODUCTION CONSTRAINTS LIKELY IN
BRINGING ADDITIONAL CAPACITY ON STREAM, UNDER PARAS 3 AND
5 ABOVE.

7. FOR MADRID. INFORMATION DESIRED IS FOR SPANISH
SAHARA, NOT SPAIN. PLEASE SUPPLY DATA TO EXTENT IT CAN
BE OBTAINED.

8. FOR RABAT AND TUNIS. THIS REQUEST IS SUPPLEMENTARY
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TO STATE 78098 AND FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONNAIRE. DATA SOUGHT
HERE IS FOCUSED ON PRESENT AND PLANNED PHOSPHATE
PRODUCTION CAPACITY. RUSH

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